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SUMMARY OF POLISH SITUATION AS OF

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1. (S/D) This report is the first in a series of imagery-derived intelligence summaries on Polish strike activity and possible reaction to the strike by Polish and Soviet military forces. Additional reports will be published as new imagery is acquired.

2. (S/D) The present political-economic crisis in Poland has been ongoing for the last eight weeks. During this time, approximately 600 factories and 500,000 Polish workers have been affected.

STRIKE ACTIVITIES

3. (S/D) The flashpoint of the internal crisis is centered on the Gdansk Shipyards (Figure 1). From Gdansk, the strike has spread to key industrial areas such as Szczecin, Krakow (Nowa Huta Steel Mill), and possibly to the Silesian coal fields (Figure 2). Between [] photographic evidence of strike-related activity was observed at Gdansk, Gdynia, Szczecin, Krakow, and Wroclaw, where blockades of public transportation facilities, crowds of people, and long lines at gas stations were seen. Acquisition of imagery of strike activity has been hampered by the heavy cloud cover over most of Poland.

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POLISH SECURITY/MILITARY REACTION

4. (S/D) Imagery collected over military installations in Poland between [] indicates that several key Polish army units may be at an increased state of readiness. A reinforced mechanized infantry battalion of the Polish 8th Mechanized Infantry Division¹ at Kolobrzeg was probably out of garrison. Part of the Sea-Landing Regiment¹ at Slupsk was lined up in convoys. Communications equipment activity was noted in the 5th Armored Division¹ at Gubinek, the 4th Mechanized Infantry Division¹ at Krosno Odrzanskie, and in the Sea-Landing Regiment at Slupsk. Elements of the 12th Mechanized Infantry Division¹ at Szczecin have been on some form of standby alert since [] and remained so on []. Elements of the elite Polish 6th Airborne Division¹ at Krakow had departed their garrison by []. The presence of tents and other activity at the airborne division in Krakow indicated the possibility of a limited callup of reservists. The Polish Sea-Landing Regiment¹ at Gdansk may also have assumed an increased readiness posture. In those units imaged as of [] an unusually low level of training activity for this time of the year has been observed.

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SOVIET NORTHERN GROUP OF FORCES (NGF)

5. (S/D) An increase in communications equipment activity was noted at key NGF installations, including the NGF headquarters garrison town of Legnica on [] and a specialized front-level signal unit in the Warsaw area on []. It cannot be determined whether this activity is directly related to the Polish crisis. There have been no indications that NGF units are preparing to move from their garrisons.

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WESTERN USSR

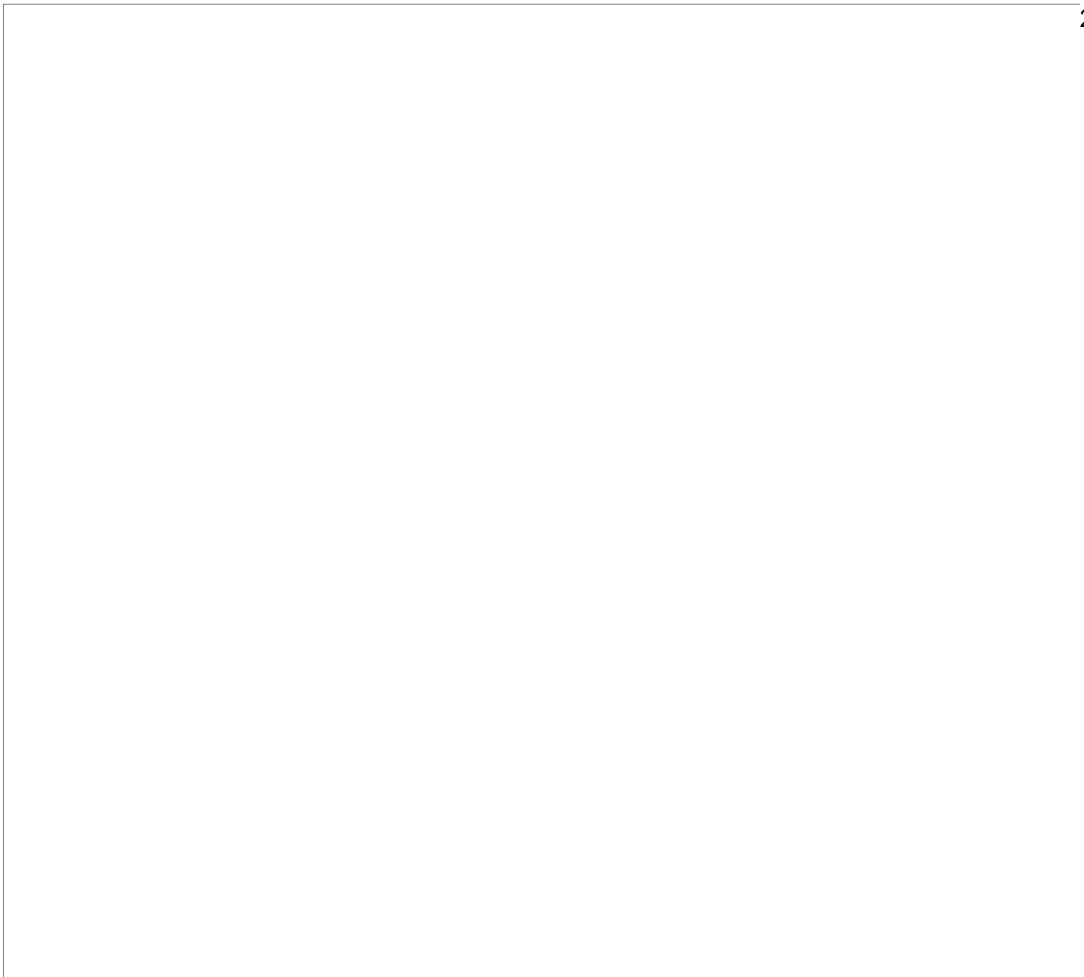
7. (S/D) There has been no activity observed to date to indicate that Soviet units in the western USSR are preparing to move into Poland. Seven major ground forces complexes in the western USSR bordering Poland were imaged between []. The only activity possibly associated with the Polish situation was at Kornevo, 1 nautical mile north of the Polish border, where a communications unit was set up in the field on []. The equipment had departed the area by []. Heavy clouds obscured several of the key Soviet targets in the Western USSR. Kaliningrad, Sovetsk, and Gusev were completely cloud covered, and Kornevo, Uzhgorod, Vladimir Volynskiy, and Novograd Volynskiy were partially clear.

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IMAGERY

(S/D) All relevant satellite imagery acquired between [redacted] was used in the preparation of this report. 25X1

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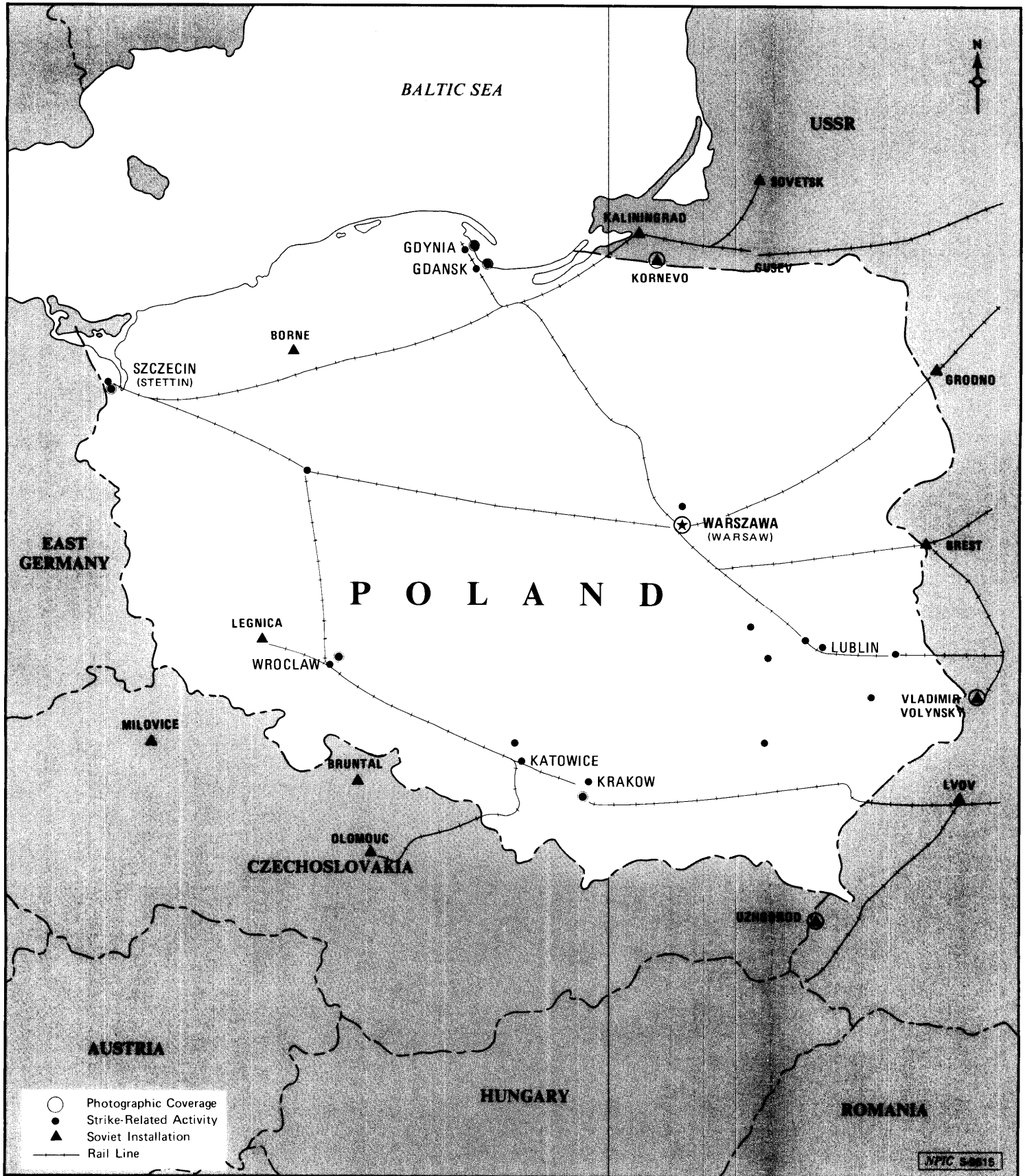


FIGURE 2. LOCATIONS OF STRIKE-RELATED ACTIVITY IN POLAND

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